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Oil Painting in Motion Technique Demonstrated by Peggy Sherry at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Dec. 14, Peggy Sherry, of Somerset, will demonstrate her fast and fluid "oil painting in motion" technique from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Sherry has been painting most of her life, beginning as a teenager painting portraits of her friends and teachers. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in art and later a teaching certificate. For the past 20 years she has been living and painting in Somerset where she is a member of the Sheltowee Artisans and the Lexington Art League.

Sherry works in a variety of mediums, including oil, pastel and watercolor. While primarily a realist, she enjoys combining abstract or impressionistic backgrounds with a recognizable subject, and she paints everything from murals to equine portraits to national park landscapes and florals.

In her demonstration Dec. 14, Sherry will use a dynamic technique for creating the illusion of motion in a painting. Directly applying oil paint in a fast and furious manner, she will show how the energy of the application translates into the illusion of motion in the subject. She will then carefully model the subject by blurring edges and adding scratches or lines representing movement. Bright color, often applied directly from the tube, also creates a feeling of energy and excitement.

Sherry has two works in the center's gallery exhibit, "Capturing the Art of Sport," with one painting, "Cyclists in Motion," showcasing her motion painting technique.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed ornaments in University of Kentucky blue and University of Louisville red. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov, or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



<u>Photos, left to right</u>: Peggy Sherry with her painting "Cyclists in Motion" in the exhibit "Capturing the Art of Sport" at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; "Colors in Motion" a painting by Peggy Sherry.